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From our Grand Matron

To all Grand Officers, Officers of all Subordinate Chapters and Members, Greetings.

We have now entered into a larger field of work. Our Grand Chapter is the baby Grand Chapter of Canada. What a wide, magnificent opportunity is ours today! We have before us one of the grandest opportunities for the doing of good. Unity must, therefore, be our watchword this year, for we must all work together, for one purpose—the building up of this new Grand Chapter. We must all have one aim in view, that the mission of our Grand Chapter be fulfilled.

What is this mission?

To bring into closer touch all members that we may be as one, having high ideals, striving to live in our everyday life the teachings of our splendid Order, our inspiration the Star of Bethlehem, whose beautiful rays should shine in all our lives.

Sisters and brothers, through this medium, I desire to express to you my thanks for all the kind words, the hearty hand-clasps, and all the expressions of love that have been mine this far on my way as your Grand Matron. These expressions line with silver the clouds that have come to me and have covered the dark places so that nothing but the brighter

side can be remembered. I feel the tremendous responsibility that has been placed upon me, your first Grand Matron, and although the burden is heavy and the work strenuous, the sweetness of your trust and your esteem, brightens the labor of the day. When my task is finished and my year's work is summed up, I want to feel that you, my members in Ontario, will understand that I have tried to lay the foundation well. Today that is what we are doing—placing the foundation, upon which we will, as the years roll on, build the glorious Star of Ontario which will shine and sparkle with added grandeur and brightness.

"For ours is an Order that should stand
A light upon a Nation's hill,
A voice forbidding all that's ill;
A source of inspiration in the land,
Its strength, not brick, nor stone, nor wood,
But Justice, Love and Brotherhood."

Hoping all the Chapters of Ontario may have a prosperous year, I am fraternally yours,

ALICE S. MEADOWS,

Worthy Grand Matron

Grand Chapter of Ontario.

Mrs. Alice Meadows

(By One Who Knows.)

Our cover bears the photograph of the Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Ontario, the supreme head of the Order in the Province of Ontario. Mrs. Alice S. Meadows who was elected to fill the most important position within the gift of the members in this jurisdiction is a woman well qualified for the distinction and all the honor which such a position bestows. She is capable and charming, beautiful in person and lovely in character. A woman one respects and loves instinctively. One cannot be in the presence of Mrs. Alice Meadows, Worthy Grand Matron of Ontario, very long before feeling the fine Christian character, and admiring the splendid woman, every inch an Eastern Star. Our Worthy Grand Matron abhors deceit and duplicity, she dislikes all these traits which our Order forbids and loves all those qualities which our Order upholds and teaches. There is a presence surrounding all of us which shows to the observer just what kind of a

person each one of us really is, and the presence of Mrs. Alice Meadows tells us that she is pure gold. The Grand Chapter of Ontario is indeed fortunate that they have elected such a fine woman to be the leader of their organization this first year of its existence.

Mrs. Meadows is a woman of charming personality, with a fine, dignified presence, and possessing to a marked degree a talent for leadership. A thorough Canadian, born at Rice Lake and educated at Port Hope, moving to St. Thomas in 1881, she became the bride of David Meadows, Assistant Master Mechanic and fuel inspector of the Michigan Central Railway in that division. Mrs. Meadows has always been keenly interested in all movements having for their object the uplift of womanhood, and has been a leading figure in St. Thomas in all philanthropic work, holding important offices in the W.C.T.U., the Elgin Humane Society, and the Y. M. C. A. Auxiliary. Mrs. Meadows is a prominent worker in the Presbyterian Church and an active worker in all its branches of Christian endeavor.

Memorial

IN MEMORY OF OUR FIRST WORTHY
GRAND PATRON



BROTHER FRANCIS HAGUE
Born: May, 1962. Died: June 10th, 1915.
Toronto.

“Sleep on, dear friend,
Such lives as thine
Have not ben lived in vain;
But hold an influence, rare, divine,
On lives that here remain.”

“In the ladder of life we are given to
climb,
Each life counts only for a second of
time;
The one thing to do in the brief little
space
Is to make the world glad that we ran
in the race.”

Reflections

Our brother who passed away so soon after the organization of the Grand Chapter of Ontario would have been the first to rejoice with us over the success that has made it possible to issue an official magazine, and he would have done his utmost to have brought victory to the venture. Knowing this, we feel that a page of this first issue should be devoted to his memory.

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Brother Hague did make us all glad that he lived and that we knew him, and that we did confer upon him the highest gift within our power, that day of organization. If we could only for a moment be gifted with that spirit-seeing faculty which would grant us the power to know how near are those transfigured souls that now are face to face with Reality, we would realize, that, although our Brother has gone forth into the Silence, yet somehow, he knows how we are faring and that the work he began can never be lost or undone.

From all of our sister Grand jurisdictions there came to us sweet messages of sympathy and words of comfort when the news of the passing of our first Worthy Grand Patron became known. The National Mizpah Magazine, “The Star” of Michigan, the Eastern Star Herald and other O. E. S. papers all published the notice in full and sent messages of sympathy.

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We can trust the mighty Shepherd loseth
none He ever led;
Somewhere yet a greeting waits us, on
the faces of our dead.

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Let us ever remember what a dim, subterranean life we live if we yield to that nightmare view that this is the be-all and the end-all here. Let us not, then, mourn for those who have gone as though they were lost. They have but gone before, and in some secure haven in the “Isles of the Blest” they watch and wait for us. Remembering this our actions will be pure and unselfish, our thoughts loving and free from greed so that they may look on us and realize that in their work here they “builded better than they knew.”

Acting Grand Patron's Message

To the Members of the O. E. S. in the Province of Ontario, Greeting:

In this first issue of our magazine I wish to thank the representatives of the different Chapters for electing me to the office of Associate Grand Patron.

I will endeavor to answer what I believe is the uppermost question in your minds concerning the O.E.S., viz: "How is the Order prospering since the formation of the Grand Chapter at St. Thomas in April last?" The task of starting the machinery of an institution of this kind so that everything will run smoothly and efficiently is no mean undertaking, and too much praise cannot be bestowed upon our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Alice S. Meadows, W. Grand Patron, the late Brother Hague, and the Grand Secretary, Sister Mary Slipper, and the other Grand officers for their labor in this respect.

The work of instituting new chapters, as you are all aware, comes under the care of the Worthy Grand Patron, and Brother Francis Hague had nicely got started in this work when our Heavenly Father saw fit to call him to the Great Beyond. The Worthy Grand Matron commanded me to proceed with the work and upon assuming office I found that our late Worthy Grand Patron had issued a dispensation for the instituting of Canada Chapter No. 16, Toronto. This Chapter was instituted Thursday evening, June 24th, Grand Electa, Sister E. Rockwood the instituting officer, acting as Grand Deputy for Brother Hague. The degrees were exemplified by a degree team selected by our late Grand Patron before his illness, and consisted of five officers from the three existing Chapters in Toronto, Queen City Chapter kindly loaning their robes, jewels and paraphernalia. The officers of this Chapter will be found in the Chapter Directory in another part of this magazine.

On June 29th, assisted by the Worthy Grand Matron, I had the pleasure of instituting Maple City Chapter No. 17, at Chatham. Associate Grand Matron Sister Lottie Phillips, Grand Chaplain, Sister Burnie and Grand Ruth, Sister Paddon, also took part in the ceremonies. The degrees were exemplified by the officers of Victoria Chapter No. 1 of Windsor. I appointed the Grand Secretary, Sister Mary



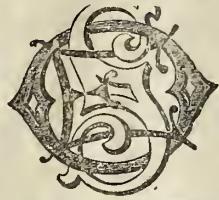
J. E. B. PHELPS, Acting Grand Patron

Slipper, my Deputy to institute Wenonah Chapter No. 18 at Kenora on July 12th. The Grand Secretary had assisting her, Brother A. Freed of Connaught Chapter, Fort William. The officers were instructed in the work by the Grand Secretary. The Worthy Grand Matron, as my Deputy, instituted Unity Chapter No. 20 on July 30 at West Toronto. She was ably assisted by the same officers who put on the work for Canada Chapter. On August 13th the Worthy Grand Matron as my Deputy, instituted Erie Chapter No. 19, at Kingsville. The degrees being exemplified by Victoria Chapter No. 1 of Windsor.

Thus have four Chapters been instituted, taking in the far west and south-west as well as the center of the province and adding some 137 members to our number, to whom, let us extend a hearty welcome. This has been accomplished during the summer months, and at a time when our nation and Empire of which we form an integral part, are passing through the most critical period in their existence. My desire is to see the number of the Chapters in the province doubled before our next Grand Chapter meeting at Sarnia in June, 1916. Can we accomplish it?

Fraternally yours,

J. E. B. PHELPS,
Acting Grand Patron.



CHAPTER NEWS

Brother Charles Worth, Worthy Patron of Canada Chapter, No. 16, Toronto, spent his summer vacation in the wilds of New Ontario, near Dinorwic. He got mixed up in a wreck on his homeward journey and somehow we missed seeing him when he passed the editorial door en route to his eastern home. We hope for better luck next time, Brother.

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The Worthy Grand Matron is preparing to visit the Grand Chapter of Illinois at their 41st annual session to be held in Chicago in October.

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The Acting Grand Patron, Brother Phelps, received a number of books of proceedings from other Grand Jurisdictions the other day. He says: "How good of other Grand Chapters to remember me in this delightful manner."

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When writing to advertisers you will help us if you mention that you saw the advertisement in this magazine. Also a hint, now and then, to your merchants that an advertisement in your Grand Chapter official magazine would be greatly appreciated and would help us. Every woman can do something along this line and with one's eye on the chance, Opportunity never fails to show a way.

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A decidedly pretty and appropriate gift is one of those beautifully bound Rituals which you will find advertised in this issue.

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The Secretaries of Subordinate Chapters are asked to send in a full list of their members as they appear on their roll, stating who were charter members and who were received by initiation. We want these lists as soon as possible.

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Our Order can claim many members serving in the battle line. The Red Cross no doubt has a great many Ontario Stars. Miss Eaton, the Worthy Matron of Wenonah Chapter, No. 18, Kenora, has offered her services to the military authorities. If accepted, our Grand Chapter will proudly claim a member in the ranks. Miss Eaton is now the superintendent of the Royal Jubilee hospital at Kenora.

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Among the few things the Grand Chapter does not sell are flags.

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Sarnia Chapter No. 6 exemplified the work at Port Huron Chapter No. 170 of the Jurisdiction of Michigan, on the evening of September 20th. A return visit from Port Huron Chapter is expected by Sarnia Chapter at their anniversary meeting in November.

ANOTHER CHAPTER

Just as we go to press we received the glad word that the Acting Worthy Patron, Brother Phelps, has been pleased to order a dispensation for another new Chapter which is to be

instituted at Leamington, October 15th. This new Chapter will be No. 21.

Harmony Chapter No. 11, Toronto

There was a good attendance of the members of this progressive Chapter at the regular meeting Wednesday, September 21st, and considerable business of much importance to the Chapter was transacted. Our Worthy Matron, Sister Hamm presided; nearly all the officers present. It was decided that refreshments would be served on every meeting night in the future. This Chapter is always pleased to have visitors from other Chapters at their meetings and extend a cordial invitation to all to visit them at any time. Harmony Chapter meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month in the Masonic Hall, corner Guerard street and Logan aevnue, at 8 o'clock.

COMING EVENTS

A progressive euchre will be held on Wednesday, October 13th, at 8 p.m., in aid of the charitable fund of the Chapter. We hope to have a large turnout of members and friends. There will be good prizes.

Some of the members of the Bazaar Committee are holding a Euchre Party on Wednesday afternoon, October 21st, to raise funds for the work of the coming Bazaar.

The greatest event of the year is coming—the Bazaar. It will be held in the latter part of November and will last two days. We hope to be able to raise a large amount of money by it so that we will be able to carry on our charitable work to a greater extent than ever. The ladies of the Committee would be glad to receive contributions of any kind towards the Bazaar for they want to make it the greatest success of anything that Harmony Chapter has been held. The Convenor of the Committee is Sister Chedley, Mavity street, Toronto.

PRESENTATION

On the evening of our first meeting in September it became known to the members that Sister Clements, one of our best workers in the Chapter, was about to leave us to take up her residence in Detroit and was leaving in a couple of days. The members and the Chapter decided to show her some small token of their esteem so the next night a number of them met at the home of our Worthy Matron, Sister Hamm, and in a few well chosen words the W. M. presented Sister Clements with a set of cut glass tumblers and expressed the wishes of the Chapter for her future success in her new home. Sister Clements replied with a few words, expressing her thanks to the Chapter and said that she hoped that all the members who go to Grand Chapter in Sarnia next year will be sure to make a side trip to Detroit and call upon her, and that no matter where she was she would never forget the kindness of Harmony Chapter and its members.

GRAND CHAPTER REVENUE

You will find in each issue of The Ontario Eastern Star a price list of supplies sold by the Grand Chapter, from the sale of which your Grand Chapter obtains revenue. The Worthy Grand Matron has ruled that it is proper for all Subordinate Chapters to purchase all their supplies from the Grand Chapter. This applies particularly to the books of the Chapters, which have been placed in stock. To secure the uniformity necessary for the proper carrying on of the work of the Order in Ontario it is absolutely necessary that all the official books be of one kind and that all Secretaries and Treasurers do the work of the Chapter in an authorized manner. As the sale of these supplies means considerable to the Grand Chapter, there is no idea that any Chapter will object, and especially as the prices quoted are much lower than those stated by other firms in the same business. The Grand Chapter has pledged itself considerably to obtain its first stock, and now everything is ready to ship out. Do not delay in sending in your orders. Do you require anything? Consult your Grand Secretary first before purchasing elsewhere, for it is your duty to support the organization you called into existence last April. Have you a Secretary's Record Book? It is just the thing you have been looking for all these months. It offers a perfect plan to keep a correct record of every member within your chapter. It will lessen the work of the Secretary and will insure correct reports.

OKLAHOMA'S RECENT DECISIONS

The Grand Chapter of Oklahoma at their last annual session held last April, made two very important decisions. It was decided that hereafter the Grand Chapter of that State and the Grand Masonic Lodge would select the same city and the same week for their respective annual sessions. Among other important laws passed was the one which is being taken up by so many Grand Chapters—the honoring of the flag every regular meeting night by Subordinate Chapters. Hereafter, in Oklahoma, the American flag must be displayed in the East of all Chapters during meetings.

ALBERTA'S COMMENT

Did you notice how appropriately the new Grand Chapter of Ontario selected a "Slipper" as Grand Secretary. They are quite young and it has always been conceded that it is a convenient article for putting back-bone into youth.—Eastern Star, Indianapolis.

WOMEN AND MASONRY

Much has been said as to why women are not admitted to membership in the Masonic Fraternity. Some foolish reasons have been given and some erroneous ones. Masonry was first operative and only men could perform the labor required. Speculative Masonry retains the forms and symbols of the

operative, hence the exclusion of the gentler sex. I would say to every good woman: The cause of your exclusion is mainly the inappropriateness of our ceremonies to your sex. Be assured that in declining to embarrass you with our peculiar forms, we intend no reflection upon your intelligence, virtue or disposition, to keep our secrets. We are taught to regard you as the objects of our especial kindness and care. Every Mason is sworn to protect your chastity and reputation, and for your defense every Knight Templar has promised to draw his sword.—Trowel.

MICHIGAN'S GUEST

Our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Alice S. Meadows, will be a guest at the 49th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Michigan which will convene at the Tabernacle, Battle Creek, Wednesday morning, October 13th, at ten o'clock.

THE CUBE—ITS USE AND ABUSE.

As a special favor allow me to call your attention to a practice altogether too prevalent among members of various Chapters, and one easily calculated to be a detriment to the growth of the Order in Minnesota. I refer to the use of the black cube, my predecessors have called your attention to this matter, and I add my voice to theirs. The black cube has a legitimate mission to perform, which is to protect the Order against the admission of unworthy persons, but it was never intended to be used as a weapon to avenge a personal spite or grudge.

"There is no cleverness in having stung A fellow creature for the stinging's sake, God knows our weaknesses, and he will weigh Them all in time, and measure each mistake, Or ill design; and, on the judgment day, Will judge twixt those who left a slimy wake. And those who, all unthinking, went astray."

I therefore make this appeal to you, and when casting a ballot you lay aside all personal consideration, and determine your action solely on the fitness of the candidate to maintain and forward the principles of our Order. To do otherwise, is to commit a wrong against your Chapter, and the Order at large. Since entering upon my duties, many Chapters have come to me for advice and assistance, stating that worthy petitioners have been rejected. I am personally helpless beyond this appeal, as our law does not permit the ballot to be questioned.

This wish I leave with you,
May peace and love surround you,
No strife nor discord mar,
May you each live in the light and splendor,
Of our beautiful Eastern Star.

LILLIAN GRAHAM BELL,
Grand Matron in Grand Chapter Pro. of 1915.

First Official Visit

It is no easy matter to convene a Chapter during vacation time. The officers who do respond to duty's call, do so at no small personal sacrifice, and the Worthy Matron who calls a session during the holiday season is always deeply grateful to all who respond. Our Worthy Grand Matron felt this when she paid her first official visit to the Chapters in eastern Ontario during July and August. It was holiday time and so many were away on vacation trips that few indeed were the Chapters having their full list of officers in position. The result, on the whole, however, was excellent. The Chapters all deserve great credit for their good attendance. Measured by these circumstances it gives the Grand Matron some idea of how well the interest in the work of the Order is kept up.

At no place did the Worthy Grand Matron find that deadening touch—lack of interest. Indeed, despite the season, the enthusiasm was keen and the interest vital everywhere. All seem alive to the need of the hour in Ontario—more knowledge in the work of the Order.

Each Chapter had its own problems, each Chapter was seeking more light, each one felt the need for instruction upon different points. Our Worthy Grand Matron's first visit was for a purpose, to see for herself how things are in Ontario. She has said that she feels the need is for uniformity of work and method throughout the whole Province. The Chapters of Ontario have been left too long without a guiding hand—without a ruler.

Seldom has anyone with the authority to say "this thou shalt do," or "that thou shalt not do," visited the subordinate Chapters of Ontario, and so each had done as they desired, and the combined result is amazing. This first visit was more for the information of the Worthy Grand Matron herself, to find out what was the first thing required from the hand of the first Grand Matron of Ontario. She has said the outstanding feature is the lack of uniformity. She will not try to accomplish too many things in one short year, so she has set herself the task of trying to bring order out of disorder, and her efforts along this line should be promptly aided and assisted by every member of the Order in the Province.

About that wonderful visit to you all, we can tell you but little in this issue, there is so much other matter awaiting publication. Everywhere the Worthy Grand Matron and the Grand Secretary were royally received and entertained. The memory of those delightful gatherings will live for many a year with both officers.

Brother J. E. B. Phelps, the Acting Grand Patron, and Mrs. Phelps opened their home for the entertainment of the Grand Matron and Grand Secretary while in Sarnia, and their splendid hospitality will never be forgotten. Sombra Chapter was the first Chapter visited. Here was everything that love and kindness could conceive to make our visit a happy one.



MRS. LOTTIE PHILLIPS
Associate Grand Matron

Sister Dalgety was our hostess and an ideal one she proved herself. Brother Frank Stover also was more than kind. Blackburn Chapter No. 2 excelled itself in entertainment, a reception and banquet, and then the meeting. It was with regret we said good-bye to the Sombra Stars. It was at Sombra we met our Associate Grand Conductress Jennie Stover, and enjoyed becoming acquainted not only with this Grand officer, but with the second Worthy Matron in Ontario, a distinction Sister Stover prizes very much.

Windsor is a delightful place for all O.E.S. people, and the Associate Grand Matron, Sister Lottie Phillips, opened her home and we believe her heart to us and what a splendid visit we had. An afternoon session and high tea was the order of Windsor Chapter No. 4. It was a charming affair and we thoroughly enjoyed it. That evening "over the river" for a number of us who were curious to see our Michigan stars put on the work, and also to see the O.E.S. temple in Detroit. Keystone Chapter welcomed us right graciously and we certainly did enjoy our visit. Victoria No. 1 also did themselves proud and we carried away a very delightful memory of the Windsor Chapters and the way they greeted their Grand officers. Sarnia Chapter gave us a regular session and it was most enjoyable. London, the Forest City Chapter No. 15, one of the largest chapters in the Province, did so well that we lingered with them until far into the wee small hours. Some of the Worthy Grand Matron's own Chapter members had motored down from St. Thomas, and so we had the jolly experience of motoring back with them

again under the early morning sky before sun-up. St. Thomas Chapter was good all through. The work was excellent and the memory of that delicious banquet lingers yet.

Toronto was ready, the very first thing the Grand Matron did was to institute Unity Chapter in West Toronto. Corinthian Chapter and Queen City both did their best to welcome their Grand officers in a manner befitting their rank and the position of their Chapters. Our stay in Toronto was pleasant and a happy one. Harmony Chapter was not visited because the Chapter could not arrange to get a hall on the date desired by the Worthy Grand Matron, and through some blunder or mistake (Grand Secretary to blame!) dates got mixed and we, to our exceeding deep regret, missed meeting with this excellent Chapter. But we have one comfort—that visit is still in store. Florence Nightingale Chapter in Brockville was visited next and it was a glorious visit. Although so far away, we felt well repaid for the journey and was glad to have met them all, those dear sisters and brothers working so well for the good of the Order down by the majestic sweeping St. Lawrence.

Vienna was another Chapter missed through change of dates and because of vacation time. Kingsville was visited August 13th and Erie Chapter was organized amid enthusiasm and much encouragement. The trip was a hastily arranged one and at a most inconvenient season, but it accomplished what was intended: we got into touch with the Chapters and their needs. Next time we will have more time and more to tell you. We have to thank all who gave so generously of their hospitality. Sister Mains was our hostess in Toronto, coming in from her summer home at Long Branch and opening her city house especially for our benefit—a sisterly action we cannot forget. Also the delightful entertainment provided by Brother and Sister Magill of Toronto who gave us a motor tour of the city one afternoon that was the most pleasant of all the many nice things that happened. Sister and Brother Ralston also were most kind to their Grand Matron and Grand Secretary in conveying them in their motor from many of the meetings.

All the beautiful gifts, the lovely flowers, the cut glass, the souvenirs, the dainty china—we thank all, and elsewhere in the proper place and at the proper time you find the givers and the beautiful gifts named. But to all who met us kindly and whose sisterly actions and words helped us along the way, we can only say now that:

"The pressure of friendly fingers
May cheer us for many a day;
And the memory of kindness lingers,
When the giver has passed away."

THE GRAND SECRETARY.

OPPOSED TO THE STAR.

Speech Made in Wayback Lodge No. 1, A. F. and A. M., Antiquity Co.

Worshipful Master: I rise from my situation to motion that the wimmin's lodge be not allowed to meet in this 'ere lodge room. This 'ere room was solemnly dedicated to Masonry. We must not let the profane enter its sacred portcullars. I am agin this Star Order; it are not Masonry; it are not got one principal of our beloved order in it. It has got no history like our great instertution that dates from the vine clad hillock of Mount Veesuiars, whereon the temple was builded by our great Grand Master Solomon, and has come thundering down the cycles of time with great principuls un-un-scattered. We have got a history; we have met here nigh unto thirty years in this old hall, and the same wooden square and compass that rests on that 'ere altar I whittled out myself; that 'ere altar were a tobacco box; them 'ere rods and that 'ere letter "G" cost nigh unto 50 cents. Those old chers we bought at a vendue the day before we were insterchuted, and I am glad to state that we have not bought anything since. We have never paid any dues, and our expenses have never been over 10 cents per member a year. If we let this wimmin's Star in here, the first thing will be a carpet for the floor, new cheers, new winder shades, and it will cost this lodge 50 cents a month to have this hall, which was solemnly dedicated to Masonry, swept. The next thing this wimmin's Star will be askin' us to contribute to charity. Now, Worshipful Master, our great an Ancient Order 'cognizes charity. "The greatest of these is charity," says our beautiful ritual, but it do not mean to give money; it means a feller feeling, sympathy, nothing more. Why, brethren, in the last thirty year we have never contributed a cent in that kind of charity, but the widders and orphans can testify that we have sympathized with 'em and have loaned 'em money out of treasury whenever they could secure it with a mortgage. The next thing that we hear will be that these 'ere wimmin's Star will ask the Grand Lodge to assess us 25 cents apiece fur a Masonic Home, just as they have done in other states. Brethren, think of it, the Grand and Ancient Order of Freemasonry building a Home and assessing its members 25 cents a year. Have it come to this Shall our Ancient and Accepted Order be thus degraded? It will come to this if these 'ere wimmin's Stars are not sot upon. I am agin 'em and their principul. If they enter here and violate our ancient landmarks by having us pay 25 cents to charity instead of letting our sympathy go out to the unfortunate, I shall take my demit.—Stole —(National Mizpah Eastern Star Magazine).

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If you do not see your Chapter news in this issue it is because your correspondent did not send any. Each Chapter has been invited to appoint a correspondent whose duty it will be to furnish the Editor each month with some news item of their own Chapters. All matter for publication must be in this office not

later than the 20th of each month. The Editor reserves the right to edit all copy sent in for publication, and if for any reason any matter sent in cannot be published, the same will be returned with full explanation for refusal.

Between Ourselves

In making our bow to you all in this initial number of our magazine we do so in a spirit of humility and a deep sense of our dependence upon every member of the order in Ontario.

Unless you are all loyal to your own Grand Chapter, this venture will fail. If you all do not stand solidly behind this undertaking it cannot attain any measure of success. We therefore ask your support, your sympathy, your co-operation.

If this magazine does not win and hold your interest, if it does not arouse your enthusiasm, if it does not appeal to the soul of every true Eastern Star—then we have failed.

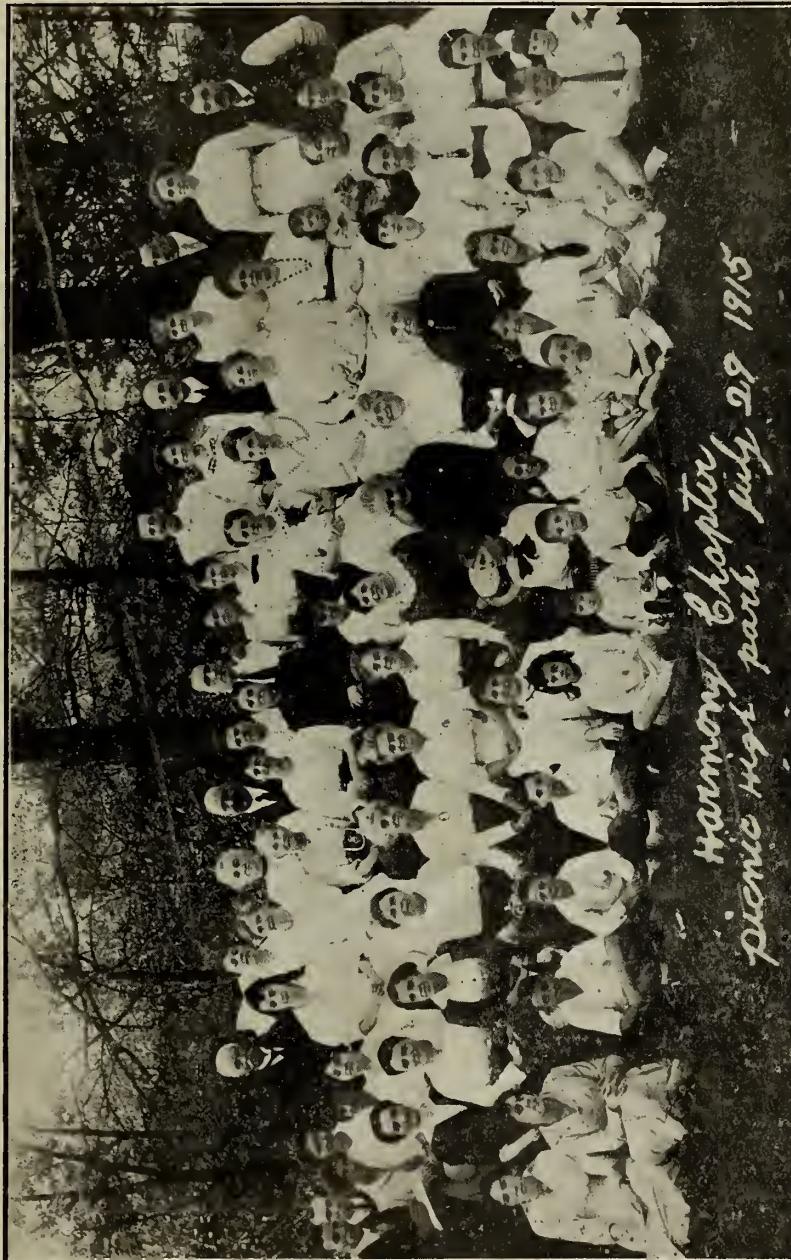
This publication will be the mirror that will reflect the condition of the Order in this Province. We do not promise anything other than that the reflection will be a truthful one. It will be exactly what the members of the Order make it. As the Grand Chapter is for all, so this magazine is for all members.

It will come to you each month with messages from your Grand Officers. In it will be found reports from all Chapters and news from other Jurisdictions.

We make no promises of what we will do, but we will tell you what we aim to do, and it is this: To make "THE ONTARIO EASTERN STAR" bridge the wide distances of this great province of ours, drawing into closer communion and more intimate relationship each O. E. S. sister and brother.

That is our aim, and we ask your assistance to make it a reality. We need the good will, the hearty co-operation of every member. The good word, uttered here and there, the kindly thought that prompts the sending of a news item, in fact we need all you can do for us.

Ontario Eastern Stars, here is your opportunity. We cannot fail if you will "rally round the banner" and each in your own way, here a little and there a little, do your "bit." There will always be a welcome here for you, the latch string is always out to our sisters and brothers.



Harmony Chapter No. 11, Toronto, and their guests, at their annual picnic last July at High Park



Star Gleams

Detroit has nineteen O.E.S. Chapters and a membership of 2,952.

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The General Grand Chapter has 9,000 Chapters and a membership of 800,000.

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Our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rata Mills, has been touring the Province of Quebec in the interests of the work of the Order.

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The Grand Chapter of Rhode Island will meet in annual session at Providence, October 13th.

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"I wish I might impress upon the members the wisdom and necessity of maintaining the utmost secrecy as to all that may be made known to you in your chapter room," says Luella M. Crooks, W. Grand Matron of Iowa.

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Several Grand Chapters are this year celebrating their Silver anniversaries and a number of beautifully embossed invitations have reached the Grand officers of Ontario.

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"The Order of the Eastern Star shines before the world as a Christian organization. Its brilliant rays send forth words of hope and charity to the members ever reminding them to love one another."—Chas. H. McGirr, W. Grand Patron of Oregon.

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The Grand Chapter of New York last year collected \$5,969.91 towards building a \$13,000 infirmary, in connection with the O.E.S. Home at Waterville.

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The Grand Chapter of Alberta met in annual session this year at Lethbridge, October 6th.

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The Grand Matron of Louisiana ruled during her year of office (1914) that in her State the American flag be placed in the East in every Chapter room during the opening exercises to keep alive the spirit of patriotism that should dominate every member. The Grand Chapter approved this ruling.

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Arthur H. Carter, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Florida, has something good to say in his annual report to his Grand Chapter. It applies so well to us at present that we are quoting it for the benefit of those who do not have a chance to read the proceedings of this Grand Chapter. Brother Carter expresses pleasure at the organization of Grand

Chapters in Canada and more particularly because he understands that many of the Masonic Brethren in the Dominion are opposed to the Order of the Eastern Star, "for reasons known to them," he says, "if not understood by others, and it is very doubtful if they understand themselves. We, in the humbler ranks of Masonry, have the idea that our teachings stand for brotherly love, relief and truth, and charity we try to practise toward all mankind, especially a brother Mason; and those who understand, know that the teachings of the Eastern Star stand for much the same ideas, charity having a prominent place in all our doings. There is no connection between the Eastern Star and Masonry, except that the former is composed of those whom we, as Masons, hold most dear, and if the ones who are bound to us by the strongest ties on earth wish to help us, as Masons, in the charitable work we are striving to do, it is hard to understand why any man or body of men should look with disfavor upon them as an Order."—(G. C. proceedings.)

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The Grand Chapter of New Mexico will hold their fourteenth annual session in the Masonic Temple, Albuquerque, October 15-16th, opening at 10 a.m.

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West Virginia Grand Chapter met in twelfth annual session October 5th in the armory at Morgantown at 8 p. m.

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"Dear Eastern Star, shine on for us; In you we have our hope and trust, That when life's eventide shall come, Your rays will guide us to our home."

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ENJOYED PLEASANT OUTING

The Worthy Matron of Corinthian Chapter No. 12, Toronto, Mrs. Maggie Worth, and Mr. Worth, spent their vacation on the Great Lakes this August. Mr. and Mrs. Worth enjoyed the delightful experience of a trip from Sarnia to Duluth and return on the N. N. Co.'s steamship Huronic. A whole day was spent in Port Arthur and Fort William and a pleasant visit with the Grand Conductress, Sister Mildred Schaubacher, and the Grand Secretary was enjoyed. Brother and Sister Worth also enjoyed meeting A. H. Knutson, Chairman of the Grand Trustees; G. W. Cox, a member of one of the Committees of the Grand Chapter, and Mrs. Cox. During their brief stay in the Twin Cities at the head of the lakes, Brother and Sister Worth visited the famous Kakabeka Falls and enjoyed a motor tour through the farming district of Northern Ontario.

The Social Hour

O. E. S. IN WAR TIME

This is the time of year when our Chapters are all planning for social events and all desire novelty and newness for these affairs. Then, too, after the summer vacation there is need of a well filled treasury to safely carry through the winter's campaign. This year we face more serious conditions than we have ever known before in Canada, not only is money less plentiful, but the need for money in Red Cross and charity work is greater than ever before. But we must not let our interest and enthusiasm in O. E. S. slacken or wane, and, though our time and our hands are so taken up with Red Cross and patriotic work, that it seems we cannot attempt anything more just now, we should all remember that these things we should do and "must not let the other go undone." Our O. E. S. would indeed fail if we were to rule out all social events. The slogan "Business as Usual" applies to O. E. S. work as well as to any other business. In this critical time of our country, we as Eastern Stars, will be required now, more than we ever were before. It is our duty to make our Order speak as it never had the chance to do in times of peace. We can teach true patriotism, true loyalty, in a way that will bring a wonderful influence to bear upon the troubled times. So with this end in view we will endeavor to occasionally give some ideas for social events that we hope will prove helpful and inspiring. We also solicit ideas for this page, if you know of any nice way to make our Social Hour more enjoyable tell us about it.

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PROGRESSIVE SUPPER PARTY

Invitations should be issued and if possible replies should be secured so as to give the hostesses an idea of how many to prepare for. The invitations should read:

"You are invited to attend a Progressive Supper Monday evening (date) the first course to be served sharp at eight o'clock at the home of Mrs. Blank, (address given).

When the guests arrive at the first home they are invited to seats at small tables and are served with one course, whatever this may be is arranged by the committee in charge. They are then given tickets to go to the next house where they have the second course. The number of courses are arranged before hand and the last place is usually the chapter hall, where all gather at the appointed time to enjoy music and the last course, which may consist of only a glass of water, or ice cream and cake or even more elaborate if desired.

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A MOTTO PARTY

This is a guessing game and can be put on after the close of Chapter very nicely. The

committee has ready in advance a number of well known mottos all numbered and arranged as follows:

- 1—"Let won Palm."
- 2—"Up doing."
- 3—"Good with them."

Slips of paper with numbers arranged and pencils are provided for each guest and a certain time is allowed for all to write in the missing words. When time is called the chairman reads the correct mottos and corrections are made. A small prize may be given to the one receiving the largest number of correct answers.

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VACATION PARTY

This is the season of the year when a Vacation Party would be appropriate. Have your committee secure the names of those who have enjoyed a vacation this summer and call upon them to give an impromptu five minute talk upon what they had seen while away from home. Also find out how many had taken their camera away with them and have them bring along the snapshots taken and have a "picture gallery." This affair would be particularly nice for the social half hour after close of business.

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BITS OF WISDOM

Think carefully before you speak bitterly of anyone. What if you were the one spoken of?

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Beautiful thoughts weave a halo about every face.

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The more spacious our mental world the more spacious our mind.

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Only those deserve a monument who do not need one.

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Greatness may be present in lives whose range is very small.

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The most interesting thing in the living world is the human soul people are interesting because they are human souls.

CHAPTERS IN MASONIC HALLS

The committee on correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Washington, in reviewing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, had the following to say in reference to that part of Grand Master Thibaut's address which referred to the Order of the Eastern Star:

"The Grand Master is somewhat worried over the fact that the good sisters of the Eastern Star prefer to meet in Masonic lodges wherever practicable, and thinks that this law on their statute books is a plea for Masonic recognition, to which he is unalterably opposed. We think the good brother is unduly excited over the matter. We can see very clearly why our wives and sisters should prefer to have their meetings in lodge rooms that Masonic bodies own rather than go to those of foreign organizations. The Eastern Stars are not trying to be Masons and do not care to be, and personally we feel that it is time the hysterical attacks on our own families, simply because they have formed an organization which recognizes Masonic relations only, should cease. We much prefer a chapter of the Eastern Star, guided and directed by Masonry, as a tenant for a Masonic lodge room to any other organization.—"The Eastern Star."

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ONTARIO

The banner Province of the Dominion, containing an area of 142,999,999 acres and 140,000 square miles of water. Though but a minimum of its resources have been drawn upon, it is conservatively estimated that this Province can support 35,000,000 people.

Ontario has yielded rich returns in agriculture, horticulture, ranching, mining, lumbering and logging. Rich in minerals, fruitful in soil, wealthy in timber and all natural resources—what may not be claimed for such a province. Lovely rivers, exquisite lakes and islands, countless bays and inlets making up unparalleled pictures of superb scenic beauty.

ENGLAND, MOTHER ENGLAND

Little lonely woman, watching o'er the waters,
Tell me what you look for with your wistful
eyes of grey.

"Far beyond the ocean I have sons and daughters;

What a mother's heart can love her eyes
can see alway.

Day by day I see them—day by day I hear
them—

Hear the murmur of their voices ever in the
sea,

And my heart is yearning, yearning to be near
them,

Children, I your mother am; cry 'Mother'
back to me.

Make me proud, my children; that one word
my heart shall fill,

Grey-hair'd England is your mother, call her
'Mother' still."

Little lonely woman, watching o'er the waters,
Let your bosom swell with pride, your
mother's heart rejoice.

Far beyond the ocean you have sons and
daughters,

Sons and daughters swift as flame to leap
up at your voice.

Whisper but a summons, sigh to them in need,
East and West and North and South sound

back the answ'ring hum,
Stir of children marching; beat of hearts that
bleed;

Thunder of ten thousand lips: "O mother!
here we come.

England, Mother England, all our blood cries
back to thee,

Blood of kinship beats to blood like waves
that seek the shore.

Bind us close, O mother, let us gather at thy
knee;

Hand to hand there let us stand, thy children
evermore."

—Edward C. Booth, in year book of the Royal
Society of St. George.

Chapters will show approval
of the

"Ontario Eastern Star"

and benefit themselves and the Grand Chapter
in Ontario by making a campaign
for subscribers

Let us hear from you soon

Grand Chapter Echoes gathered from proceedings of other Jurisdictions

NEVADA

"Charity is the real corner stone of our Order. We may gain this Christian Charity, which will broaden our lives and make others happier, if we simply strive to do good. This is the real purpose of the Eastern Star."—Mrs. Marie Burdick, Grand Matron.

VERMONT

"Each and all of us are responsible for the honor and the dignity of our Order, so let our thoughts, words and actions within the Chapter room and in the various experiences of life be guided and governed by its sublime principles."—Arthur M. Lang, Grand Patron.

OREGON

"An ideal Order involves three things—enthusiasm, fraternal love and charity. It is no abiding place for strife or envy; in our ballot, we should ever remember our obligation, and perform no act of injustice or unkindness."—Mrs. Nellie McGowan, Grand Matron.

ARKANSAS

"As this is first of all a woman's Order, I think that the men should interfere with the work as little as possible. It has been my observation, both here and at the General Grand Chapter, that if the men should all stay at home, the work of the Order would be carried on successfully, and yet, perhaps it was a wise provision of the founder of our Order, Bob Morris, to have a man share the official honors, as it assists in emphasizing the relationship existing between the Order of the Eastern Star and the Masonic Fraternity."—John E. Powers, Grand Patron.

LOUISIANA

"The teachings of our Order ought to show every member that no personal feelings should influence her or him when balloting upon a petition for membership; to always maintain a discreet silence respecting the transactions of the Chapter and live up to our obligations."—Rozetta Minsky Levy, Grand Matron.

NEBRASKA

The Star is a beautiful symbol, always pointing to the right. We never hear of the star of sin, the star of evil, the star of deceit and untruthfulness, but we do hear of the star of Hope, Life and Light. The Signet composed of the Star and Pentagon has an important significance found in the times and circumstances attending the birth of our Saviour. In astronomy this time is referred to as the time when the sun entered the house of the gods, and is one of the twelve signs of the zodiac, which begins about December 21st. 'the Star stood in the heavens, indicating where the Lord lay.' From its position we get the one used in our work. The one point always extending downward is recognized as a sign of sacrifice and submission. The unwritten law is the two

points up—the Mother and Daughter reaching upward to Light and Purity. From this we also get the name 'Star of Bethlehem.'—Mrs. Pearl E. Albertson, Grand Matron.

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SOUTH DAKOTA

"I have suggested to our chapters the propriety of having the Flag in their chapter rooms. The corner stone of this Republic is love of our country and its institutions. The emblem of that love is our country's flag. It should be unfurled in every chapter room at every chapter meeting. I earnestly recommend that this Grand Chapter pass a resolution requesting each Subordinate Chapter to procure and keep a Flag, and I hope this Grand Chapter will procure one for itself and that at every session the Stars and Stripes will be advanced to the center of the room by the Grand Marshal, there to be saluted. Let the Order of the Eastern Star do its full share to keep bright the fires of patriotism in the hearts of the people."—Florence L. Potter, Grand Matron.

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MASSACHUSETTS

"As we behold the frightful strife which today engages so many nations of Europe, as in loathing and in horror we gaze upon the devastation and the ruin, as we perceive so many men, lost to every sense of humanity and justice, and a civilized world threatened with such an appalling loss of blood and of treasure, we feel like exclaiming as did Christ from the Cross, 'My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken us'; and yet our trust is in Him, to Him alone can we look for strength and guidance. To us we hope He will intrust the mission of restoring peace among the nations of Europe, but whatever the mission He has for us to fulfill, that task will be undertaken in the consciousness that the nation can look to every citizen, native and adopted, to do his duty actuated by a love for American institutions and American ideals. As the Cross is today the emblem of immortality, the promise of resurrection from the grave, so may our national banner, both now and evermore, be an emblem of justice and a promise of relief to the oppressed of every land."—P. G. P. Guy Andrews Ham, an extract from his address upon "The Flag."

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GEORGIA

"Every organization, whether religious, fraternal, political, or commercial, if they wish to succeed, must have their own publication to explain and advocate the principles on which the organization is founded and enlighten its members not only of what the organization is accomplishing, but to see that its advancement is along the line of the object of its teachings. A progressive people are a thinking people, and a thinking people are a real people. Shall we as members of the Eastern Star follow in the path of advancement that leads on to greater achievements by devoting some of our time to reading a magazine devoted exclusively to Eastern Star work, becoming more familiar with the history and principles of our Order."—Mrs. W. B. Morgan, Grand Matron.

Chapter Directory

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2nd and 4th Mondays.

W. M.—Mrs. Janet Parsons, 301 Dougall Ave.
Secretary—Mrs. Price, 70 Curry Ave.

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2nd and 4th Wednesdays.

W. M.—Miss Cecilia Shephardson.
Secretary—Mrs. Edna Mitchell, Sombra.

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W. M.—Mrs. Nellie Odell, Niagara Falls, Ont.
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1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

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Brockville—

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W. M.—Mrs. Mary Shortill.

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W. M.—Mrs. May Thornthwaite.

Secretary—Miss Helen Thornton, Vienna.

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W. M.—Mrs. Anna Worth, 257 Palmerston Ave.

Secretary—Miss Ida Rea, 414 Bathurst St.

MAPLE CITY CHAPTER, No. 17, Chatham—

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2nd Tuesdays.

W. M.—Miss Margaret Eaton.

Secretary—Miss Minnie Curry, Kenora.

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2nd Tuesday of each month.

W. M.—Mrs. Nellie McDonald.

Secretary—W. A. Woodiwiss, P. O. Box 126.

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2nd Friday of each month.

W. M.—Mrs. May Ralston, 192 Albany Ave.

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This Directory is not complete. The Secretaries of the Chapters lacking the meeting time will please take notice and send in the necessary information as soon as possible. We want also the street addresses of all Worthy Matrons and the names and addresses of all Worthy Patrons and Associate Matrons.—(Editor).

Grand Chapter Standing Committees

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WHICH ARE YOU?

There are two kinds of people on earth today,
Just two kinds of people, no more, I say.
Not the sinner and saint, for 'tis well under-
stood
The good are half-bad, and the bad are half-
good.

Not the rich and the poor, for to count a man's
wealth
You must first know the state of his conscience
and health.
Not the humble and proud, for in life's little
span
Who puts on vain airs is not counted a man.

Not the happy and sad, for the swift-flying
years
Bring each man his laughter and each man his
tears.
No; the two kinds of people on earth I mean
Are the people who lift, and the people who
lean.

Wherever you go you will find the world's
masses

Are always divided in just these two classes.
And oddly enough, you will find, too, I ween,
There is only one lifter to twenty who lean.

In which class are you? Are you easing the
load
Of overtaxed lifters who toil down the road?
Or are you a leaner, who lets others bear
Your portion of labor and worry and care?

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

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THOUGHTS

The ancestor of every action is thought. All
that we are is the result of thought; it is
founded on our thoughts, it is made up of our
thoughts. If a man speaks or acts with a pure
thought, happiness follows him, like a shadow
that never leaves him.

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"Human hearts seem ever prone to sigh
But, if they'll call for gladness,
God will disperse the sadness,
And on the breeze it will go passing by."

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GOOD ADVICE

"The Masonic Press has more and more, during
the past year, contributed to the spread
of enlightened knowledge, and to the keeping
in touch of this great fraternity, who now

realize that they are not members only of isolated lodges in sequestered vales, but are free of the Craft the world over, and move and act in linked battalions. Every Mason should subscribe to a good Masonic paper."—The Masonic Sun.

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Two ladies who had known each other in years gone by met on the street. Both of them were married to musicians. The one, a bride of a year, was pushing a baby carriage in which were three fine babies—triplets, all girls. The other lady had been in the bonds of matrimony a couple of weeks.

"What beautiful children," exclaimed the newly married one with interest.

"Yes," replied the proud mother, "let me tell you the funniest coincidence. At our wedding supper the boys who played with my husband in the orchestra serenaded him, and they played 'Three Little Maidens,' from 'The Mikado.' Isn't that queer?"

At this the newly married one turned pale.

"Mercy!" she gasped. "At our wedding supper Tom's friends serenaded him also, and they rendered the sextet from 'Lucia.'"

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STEPPING STONES

We rise by the things that are under our feet;
By what we have mastered of good and gain;
By the pride deposed and the passion slain,
And the vanquished ills that we hourly meet.

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OUR LIBRARY TABLE

For good O. E. S. reading matter we recommend to our Ontario Stars the following O. E. S. publications:—

The National Mizpah Magazine, Boston, Mass.

The Eastern Dial, New York.

The Star, Detroit, Mich.

The Masonic Herald, Chicago, Ill.

The Masonic Observer, Minneapolis, Minn.

The Eastern Star, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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The largest Grand Chapter is Illinois with a membership of 66,000. Michigan comes next with a membership of 52,000.

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The city of Chicago has one hundred and twenty Masonic lodges meeting in the evening and one Daylight Lodge. It is now proposed to organize a lodge that will hold its meetings in the early morning hours, convening at two o'clock.

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"THOUGHTS ARE THINGS"

"You never can tell what your thoughts can do,
In bringing you hate or love;
For thoughts are things,
And their airy wings,
Are swifter than carrier dove.
They follow the law of the universe—
Each thing must create its kind;
And they speed over the track,
To bring you back
Whatever went out of your mind."

"It is now in order to receive nominations for President," announced Mrs. May, looking around upon the circle of eager faces before her. It was the annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid of the First Methodist Church in Peterville, and every member was filled with the importance of the occasion.

Mrs. May had been president for three years, and the Aid had flourished and grown beyond all expectations under her management. Everybody said that she must still be president, that is everybody but Mrs. Stillman, who had not said anything, only looked, and that was enough, for Mrs. Stillman owned a pair of very expressive eyes.

"We are ready," repeated Mrs. May, smiling a little, for it was too obvious that there would be but one nomination as usual.

There was a little rustle in the left corner, and a sweet voice was heard with a purring note of protest in its soft melody.

"Don't you think that it is more satisfactory to have nominations by ballot? You know, Mrs. May, all the other societies do that now." Mrs. May looked surprised. What difference could it make anyway? She was to be the president, and—But if it was right to nominate by ballot, why certainly, Mrs. Stillman.

When the ballots were counted, Mrs. Stillman had been selected to help the Secretary to count them, there were two names nominated for President—Mrs. May and Mrs. Stillman.

Mrs. May still smiled and looked at her friend expectantly. Of course she would drop out, because she had always said she would not be the President of any society.

But Mrs. Stillman laughingly shook her head and demanded the name of the person who had dared nominate her.

"I could not, of course, hurt her feelings by not standing for election," she said sweetly, "but of course you will all vote for Mrs. May. She has almost grown into the position and fits so well."

Whatever did it, Mrs. May will never tell you, but when the ballots were counted the second time, the majority favored Mrs. Stillman for the Presidency!

Swallowing her pride and chagrin as well as she could, Mrs. May stepped out of the chair and gracefully welcomed the new officer.

"I'll never speak to her again," she murmured to her husband that night, "she had it all planned."

For several months Mrs. May kept feeding her anger against Mrs. Stillman and rejoiced the day she heard that Mrs. Stillman was leaving for a ten days' visit to friends in a distant city.

"I can breathe better when she is away," she declared.

It was a week later, one very stormy evening, Mr. May said, "one evening home at last, wife, we will finish that book together." Mr. May was locomotive foreman of one of the railways that had made Peterville a junction point. Storms and an extra rush of business had made his duties very heavy that fall and an evening at home had been a very rare thing indeed.

They chatted together before the cosy grate fire for a few minutes before opening the new book they had both been waiting to read and discuss. Just then the telephone rang out its summons.

"Hallo," answered Mr. May impatiently, and then in a different voice he said, "calm yourself for a moment and tell me again."

"My God, Nellie," he said, turning from the telephone, "that was the dispatcher, and he tells a terrible thing; some one has blundered, and two trains are rushing together."

"What trains?" she asked as he hurried from the house.

"The passenger from ——— Nellie," and he stopped and looked at her in a white fear.

"Yes?" she whispered.

"Stillman told me tonight that he expected his wife and little girl on that train."

As the horror of the thing broke upon him, he hurried out of the house.

Mrs. May stood where he left her as if turned to stone. The woman she had hated was on that train that was now rushing, all unknowingly, to destruction and death, while she stood there helpless!

In an agony of reproach she paced the floor. The little girl, the baby everyone had always so much loved. And a picture arose before her eyes of the sweet winsome face of the little four year old lassie with her bonnie eyes and golden curls. To be crushed and mangled, to meet an awful death, almost near, now! oh! to be able to do something, and with a choking cry she caught up a scarf that lay near and rushed out. She had no purpose in view, but her feet stopped before the gate of Stillman's home, and she peered into the brightly lighted windows with a low moan, she caught at the fence and looked in upon the happy little circle gathered under the evening lamp.

The father was standing, and every once and a while he would pull out his watch and glance at it. The woman looking on knew why, it was near train time. Two girls and a boy were gathered around the table all merrily chatting together. They had been allowed to stay up to welcome mother home!

The broken woman standing outside bowed her head and sobbing bitterly, groped her way from the sight.

"I must go somewhere," she moaned, and instinctively she turned towards the home of the minister.

Rev. James Pearly was toasting his toes before the library fire when she entered, and, being deeply interested in a debate in the local paper which he was reading, he greeted her somewhat absently, wondering what she required at this hour of the night. He was not the most observant of men, and her unusual manner and appearance was lost upon him at first.

"I want to ask you a question," Mrs. May began without taking the chair wheeled forward for her use.

"A hundred if you like, dear lady," said Mr. Pearly, his mind still busy with the debate.

"You said once that hatred and dislike, begot evil in the world, do you believe that?"

"Surely, yes indeed, Mrs. May."

"You think if a person hates another, the force of that hatred will bring misfortune and disaster upon the person hated?"

The subject of the debate fell out of the Rev. James Pearley's head with a thud.

"I didn't make any such statement," he exclaimed, and then looking at the agitated woman more closely, said:

"Good gracious, what is the matter?"

"I hated her, I hated her, and my hate has sent her to death," she screamed, losing all control of herself and falling into bitter weeping.

It took more than a few minutes for the Rev. James Pearley to get hold of the situation and when he did, he left the distracted woman in the care of his wife while he hastened to administer to the grief-stricken people now gathered at the railway station.

"Listen," said Mrs. Pearly to the weeping woman. "You must not blame yourself so bitterly. Your sin was in letting the sun go down upon your anger. You should have made it up with your friend that very day. But for this accident you are not to blame."

For an hour or more the two women took council together and then when the Rev. Pearly came back they met him calmly.

"I came as soon as I could," he said. "There was some mistake, the passenger train is safe; it was two freights that met! But two men have been killed. Your friend is alright."

HESTER HOPE.

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SOME ONTARIO LAWS

Our Worthy Grand Master has ruled:

That the ballot box must be on the Treasurer's desk.

That mite box collections are permitted after close of Chapter only.

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Sister Robina Mains, Grand Adah, was a guest at Illinois Grand Chapter.

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The Most Worthy Grand Patron Dr. Geo. A. Pettigrew sends greetings and best wishes to our Magazine and hopes the Ontario Eastern Star will meet nothing but success.

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Sister Lorraine Pitkin, our R. W. Grand Secretary, sends greetings and promises an article especially written for this Magazine very soon.

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Next issue will contain the names of those Sisters and Brothers who have been appointed as official representatives for this Magazine in each Chapter by our Grand Matron.

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Our first issue is a little late but we will try to have the next one out on schedule.

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We are interested in everything that happens in your Chapter. Tell us all about it.

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Our Worthy Grand Matron is preparing for her first official visit west. She expects to go as far as Winnipeg during November.

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Think not that love is lost to you. Men and women come and go; but the real love abides forever, and will surely find the proper place to be given and to receive its own again.

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For, one in generous thought and deed,
What mattered in the sufferer's sight
The Quaker matron's inward light,
The doctor's mail of Calvin's creed?
All hearts confess the saints elect
Who, twain in faith, in love agree,
And melt not in an acid sect
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